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EVENT IN THE PARK “Become Inspired by the Authentic” February 23, 2012, 8:30 AM – 11 AM Guided Archaeological Hike

Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park presents “Become Inspired by the Authentic”, with 93 park events slated for 2012, including monthly guided archaeological hikes to historic Ki'ilae Village.

On Thursday, February 23, 2012, the park is hosting a guided archaeological hike. The hike will cross three ahupua'a (land divisions), Hōnaunau, Keōkea, and Ki'ilae to the south park boundary. Over one mile of the 1871 Trail is present within the boundaries of the park, forming the primary coastal route for the north-south travel in the area. Historically the trail was the main coastal artery connecting several villages along its length.

Mark Twain wrote about the Keanae'e Cliffs in his book, *Letters from Hawaii*: “An old volcanic eruption sent its broad river of fire down the mountainside here, and it poured down in a great torrent from an overhanging bluff some fifty feet high to the ground below. The flaming torrent cooled in the winds from the sea, and remains there today, all seamed and frothed and rippled – a petrified Niagara”.

The hike will be limited to 15 people; reservations must be made by phone in advance. The hike traverses a natural lava landscape and is rugged terrain; hikers need to be physically prepared. The three mile round trip walk requires hiking shoes, hat, sunscreen, a snack and lots of drinking water to be comfortable. Hikers will meet at the Visitor Center.

When: Thursday, February 23, 2012; 8:30 AM – 11 AM; Entrance fees are \$5.00 per vehicle or \$3.00 per person for walk-ins.

Where: Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park – south on Highway 11 to mile marker 104, turn right on to Hwy. 160, Ke Ala o Keawe Road, for three miles.

Contact information: Call the Visitor Center for reservations, (808) 328-2326 x 1702. Hikes are limited to first 15 people who sign up.

This cultural event; sponsored by the County of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Nā Hoa Aloha o ka Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau, and Hawai'i Pacific Parks Association; provides visitors, local residents and the community a time and place to gather, learn, share and become inspired.